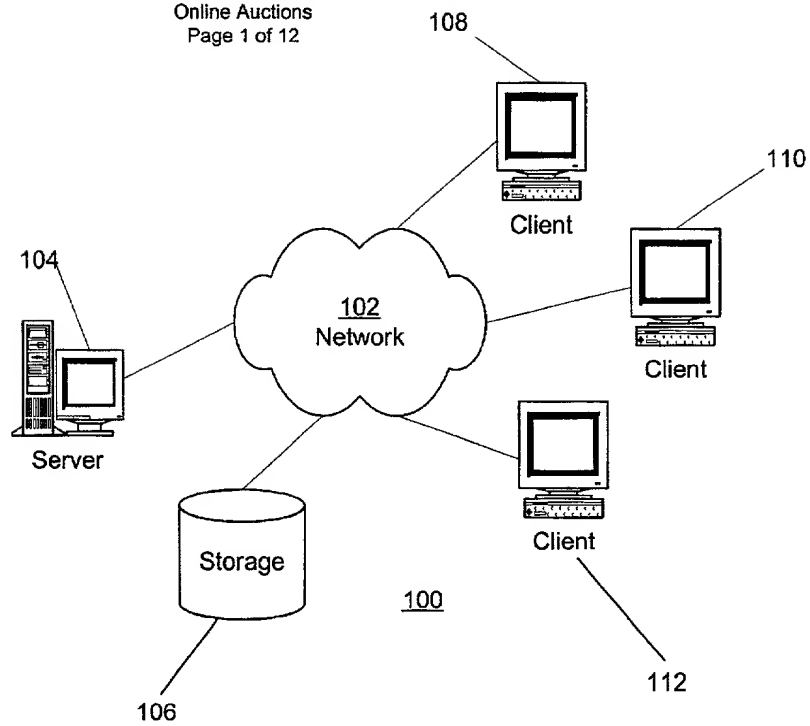


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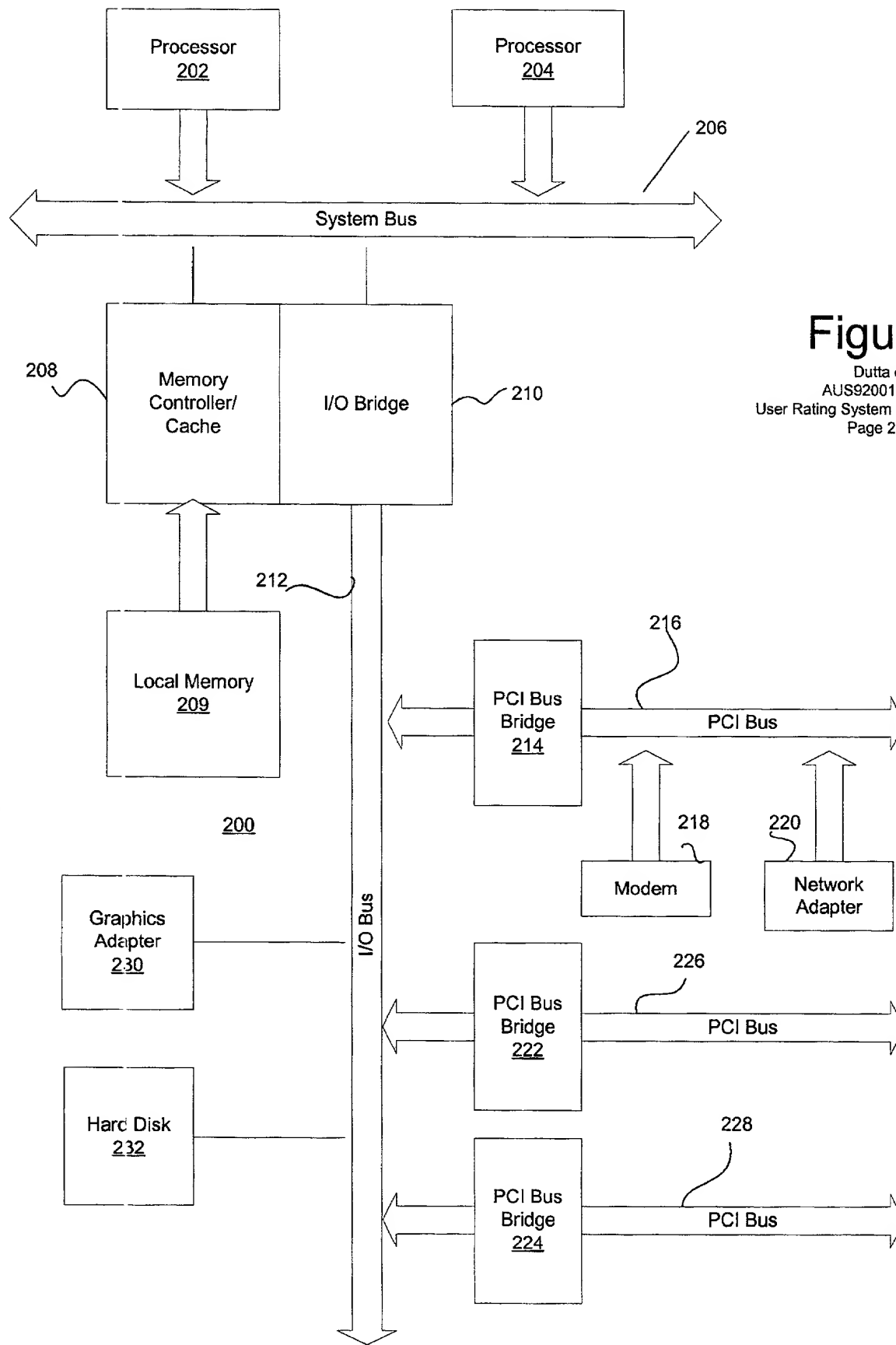


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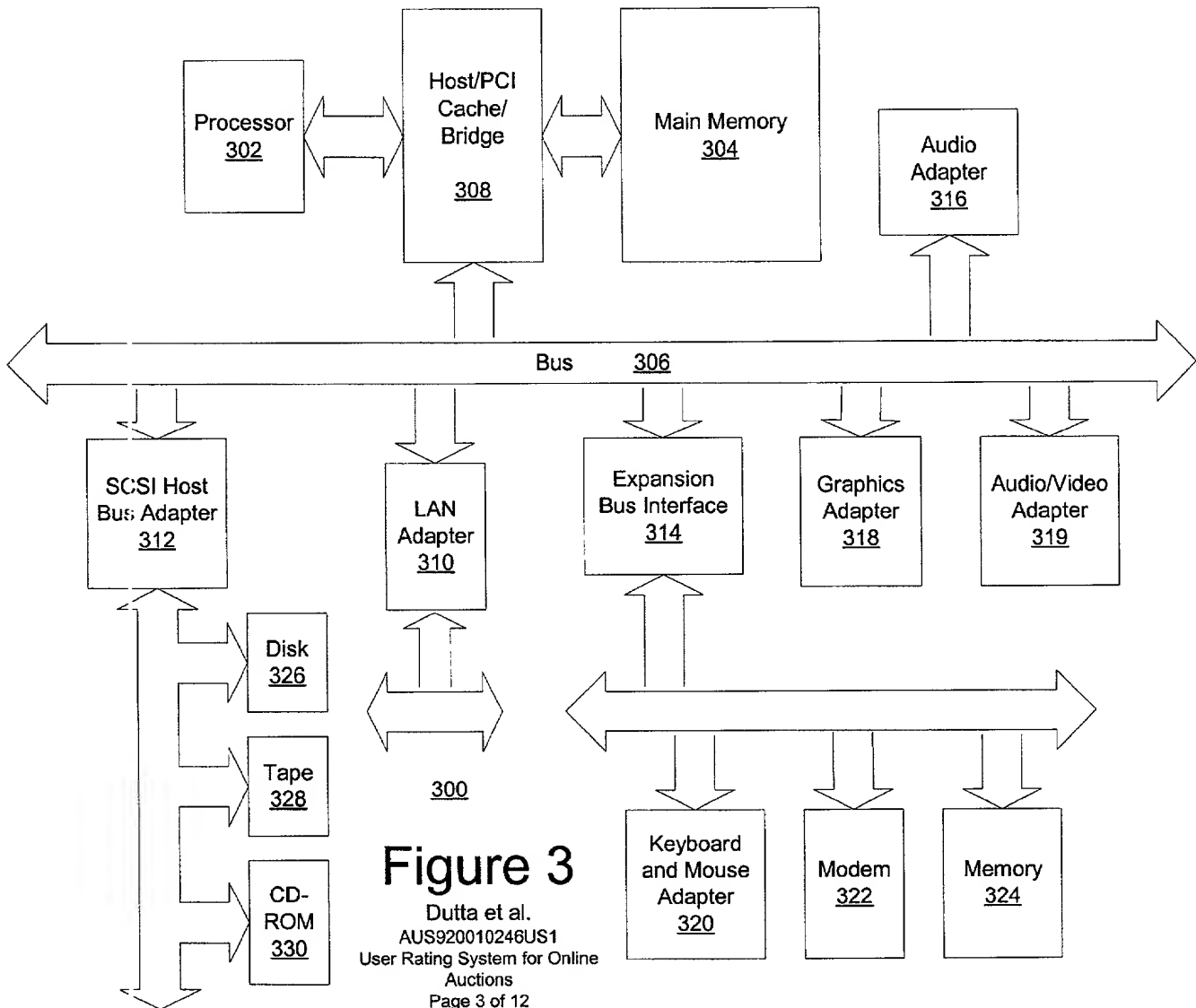
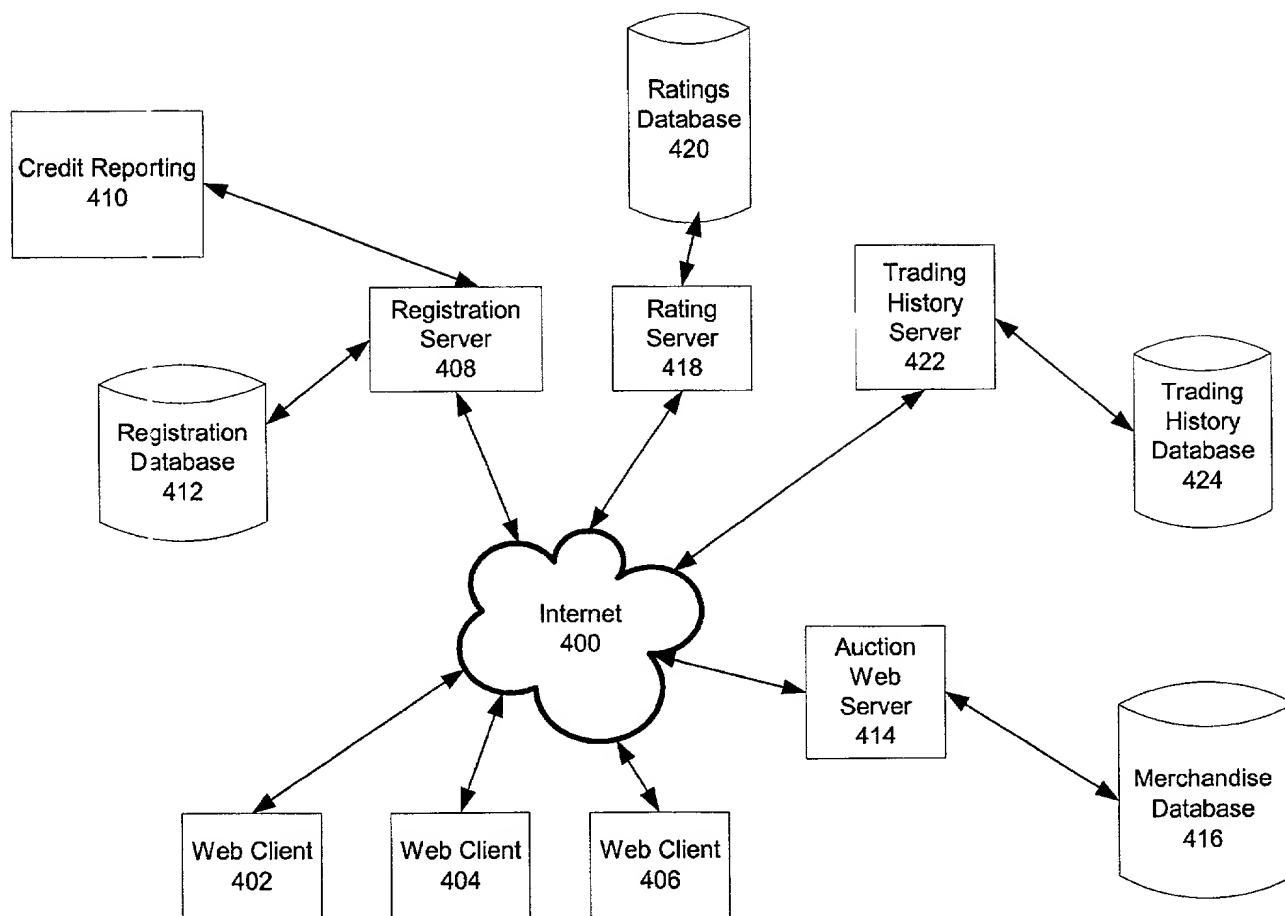


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500
Registration Database

User ID	Address Info	Current Rating	Buying Limit	Selling Limit	Credit Information

502

504 506 508 510 512

514
Ratings Database

User ID	Rating	Buying Limit	Selling Limit

516

518 520 522

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524
Merchandise Database

Item ID	Seller ID	Quantity	Description	Photo/Image	Auction Period

526 528 530 532 534 536

538
Trading History Database

Buyer/Seller ID	Date	Value of Transaction	Comments by Seller	Comments by Buyer

540 542 544 546 548

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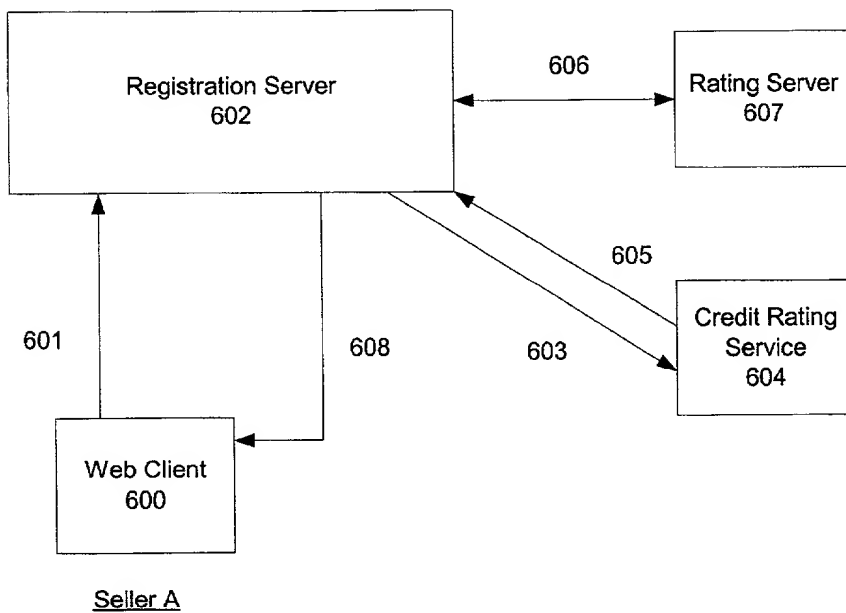


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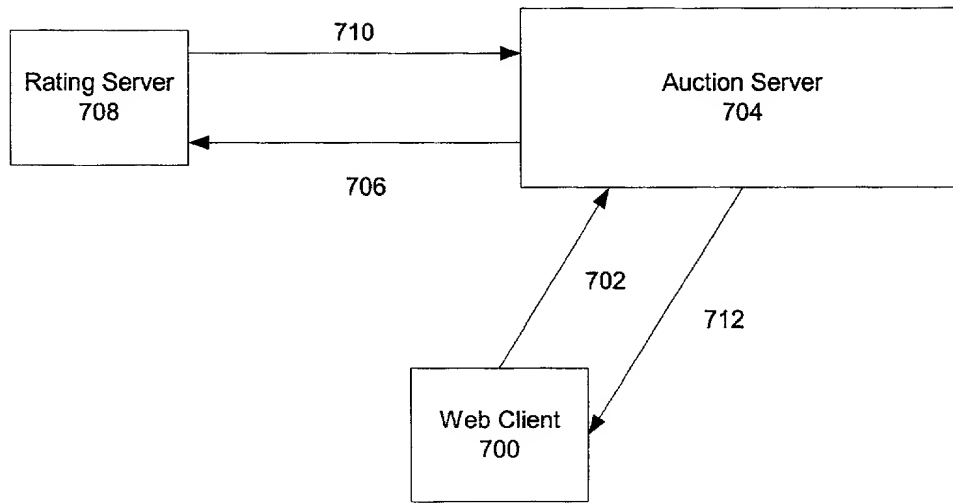


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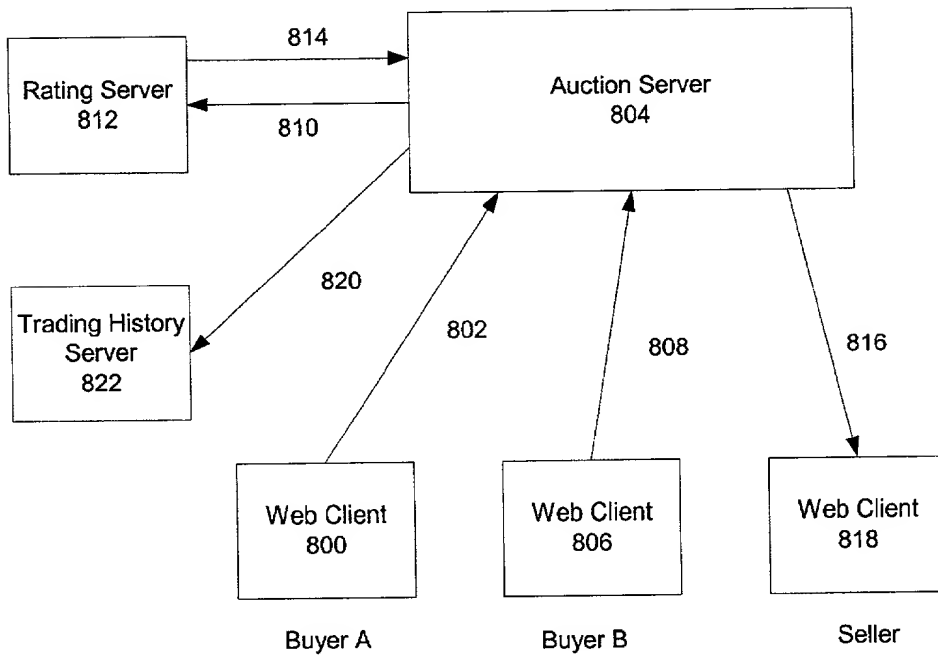


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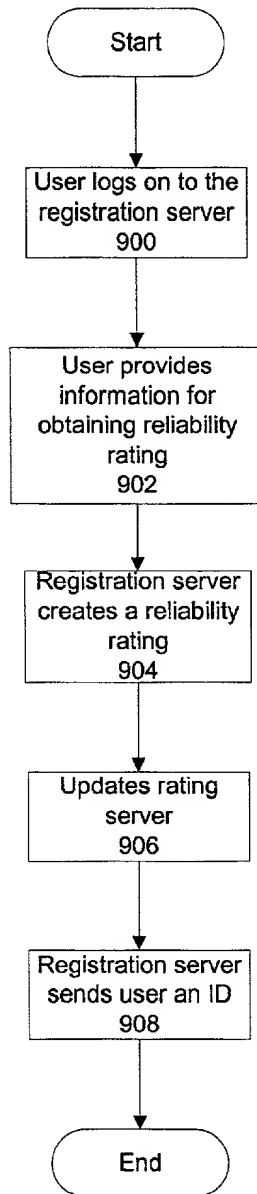


FIG. 9 is a flowchart of the user rating system for online auctions.

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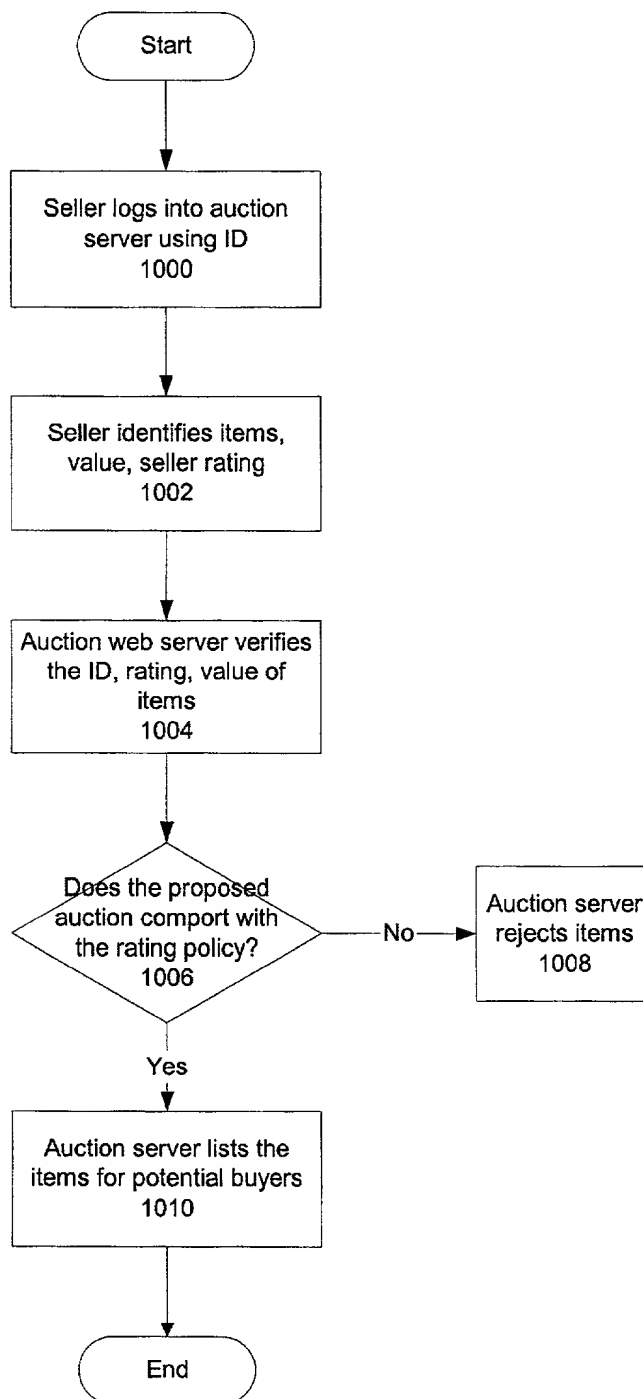


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